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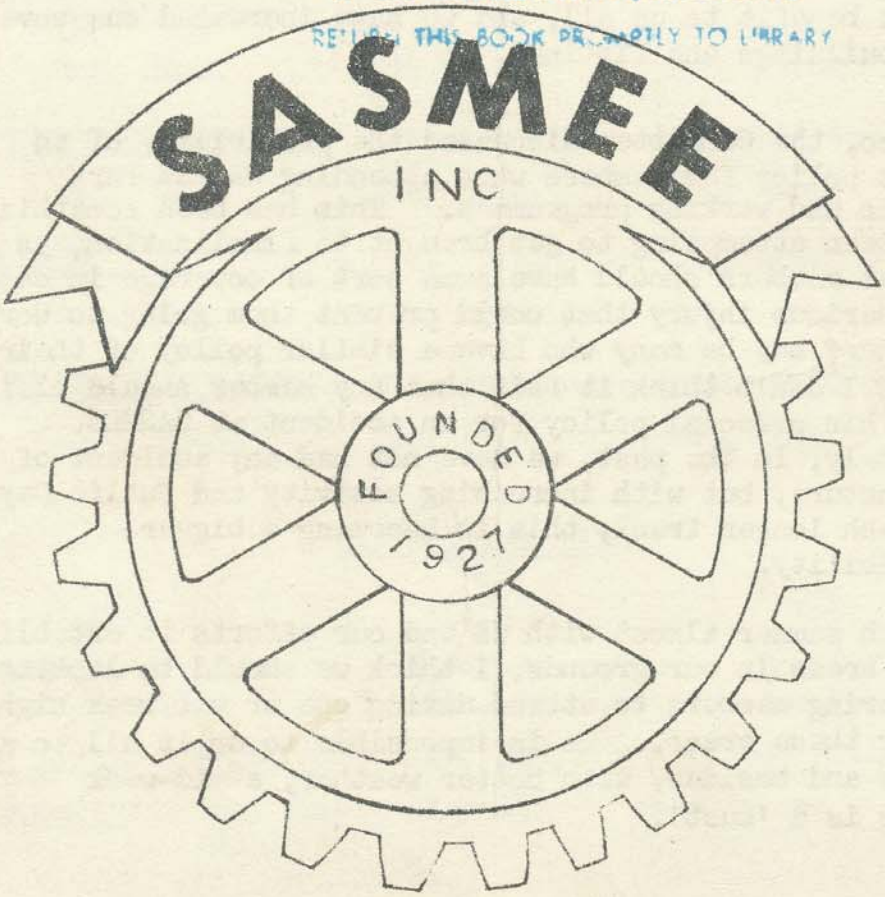

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EDITORIAL

The insurances carried by us have been up for review and, at a special meeting, the Committee thrashed this out with the help and guidance of an insurance official. This was of great benefit to us all, and we have increased our coverage on all buildings and fittings.

Also, the Committee discussed the possibility of an accident policy for members when attending SASMEE Park functions and working programmes. This has been something I have been attempting to get brought to finalization, as I feel that members should have some sort of coverage in case of any serious injury that could prevent them going to work. True, there may be many who have a similar policy of their own, but I don't think it fair that any member should claim against his personal policy for an accident at SASMEE. Fortunately, in the past, we have not had any accident of such a nature, but with increasing activity and Public Days and a much longer track, this is becoming a bigger responsibility.

With summer almost with us and our efforts to establish grassed areas in our grounds, I think we should be looking at rostering members to attend during one or two week nights to water these areas. It is impossible to do it all on a Saturday and besides, with hotter weather, a mid-week watering is a 'must'.

QUARTERLY AGENDA

GENERAL MEETINGS: Second Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

Dec. 8th. General Discussion

Jan. 12th. Annual "Pow-Wow"

Feb. 9th. Member John Welch is endeavouring to contact his nephew to give us a talk on Oil Prospecting in South Australia.

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS: Fourth Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

(Informal meetings open to group discussions. These are ideal for all members to join in to teach and learn something for all)

Dec. 22nd. Jan 26th. Feb. 23rd.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: First Tuesday each month at 7.30 p.m.

Dec. 1st. Jan. 5th. Feb. 2nd.

WORKING BEES (Officially): First Sat. each month 9 am. - 5.30 pm.

Dec. 5th. Jan. 2nd. Feb. 6th.

PUBLIC FIELD DAYS: Third Sat. each month 2.00 pm. - 5.00 pm.

Dec. 19th. Jan. 16th. Feb. 20th.

CANTEEN SERVICE.

Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Kingsley Stephens	Roger Giesechke	Bob Smith
Brenton Caston	Allan Brabham	Ron Teeson

Reserves: Ralph Excell Ph. 31-7413: Claude Miller Ph. 46-1520

Supplies: Tea, Sugar, Biscuits - Herb Croker
Milk - Murray Mitchell
Drinks (Cottees) - John Moorfield

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

SURREY HILLS LIVE STEAMERS (VIC.)

Stan's news sheets arrive with regularity and are always a treat to read. His last gives an outline of many locos on the way and goes into the many aspects of a club track and grounds, which I read at our last meeting. We can assure the Vics. that it is surprising how the money rolls in. But there is still the work; it is difficult to get a big roll up, although there is much more activity and more seem to take an interest. We hope that a good number visit us from Surrey Hills at Easter to see our efforts.

SYDNEY LIVE STEAM LOCO SOCIETY

A recent letter from "Mac" advises us to have a governor fitted to Morry's 5" Britannia. They had a pleasant run at the Lake MacQuarie Live Steamers and "Mac" extended an invitation to them on our behalf to visit us at Easter. Lake MacQuarie have a 1000ft. track constructed similarly to ours. Mac. reports that with eight locos on the track, it became a bit hectic. There are a good many building 5"g. and it is hoped that three or four will be with us at Easter.

Their 5"g. ground track is ready for ballasting which will require 16 tons. They have also built a bridge to enable visitors to cross their three sets of tracks. Mac. also tells that he has supplied many sets of 5"g. loco wheels, including a set for an N.S.W.G.R. 57 class loco. These wheel castings alone weighed 70lb.

The Sydney boys send their best Xmas wishes to all members and are looking forward to Easter, 1965.

W.A. SOCIETY MODEL ENGINEERS

Jack Noonan informs us that they have had a very wet winter and have not been able to have many meets. However, they have held their annual rent day for the Clontarf Boys Home and hauled over 1200 passengers.

QUEENSLAND MODEL ENGINEERS

The "oilcan" notes are incorporated in the Brisbane Model Club's bulletin, which you will find in our library. This bulletin has many interesting articles and you will find it worth reading. It is a bi-monthly magazine, the last copy is October and "oilcan" informs us that their Club competition 4-4-0 locos are beginning to come along to meetings in various stages. There are about 20 being built. Jim Jackson, Jnr., who many of us met when he was here, has finished his 4-8-2 3½"g. tank and had it running at their August Field Day. They also had other new locos, i.e., an 0-6-0 Rob Roy, a "Virginia" brightly coloured, and a first attempt "Tich".

NEW MEMBERS IN THE LAST QUARTER

We are pleased to welcome the following as members and hope they find good fellowship and join in our activities:

CYRIL ELPHICK - Is a salesman in the fastener and automotive engineering trade. He is interested in boats and cars and has built a 3ft. cabin cruiser and radio control aircraft.

BEN GRIFFITHS - Is an inspector in the mechanical engineering trade. He is interested in locomotives, has built a 2½"g. Pacific, several stationary engines and is engaged in building another loco.

RON THOMPSON - A sheetmetal worker at Alice Springs. He has built model 2½ cc. cars, stationary steam plant with engines and is at present building 7¼"g. 4-8-4. Ron sent us some slides of the boiler for this loco and we were impressed with his mighty effort.

GEORGE SMALL - A laboratory technician interested in stationary steam engines. George has been seen amongst us on field days many times before joining and is known to many regular members.

BOB GROSSMAN - A student member 14 years of age. Interested in locomotives. Attending Adelaide Technical High School.

NEW MEMBERS IN THE LAST QUARTER (contd)

JOHN WAKEFIELD - Is an answer to our many prayers for a Plumber and joins us once again. John was a member in the Junior group in 1947 and was forced to drop SASMEE owing to studies. Now he takes up his interest again and has already joined us on many working Saturdays. He was given the job of piping and plumbing for water at our new station, which proved very satisfactory. He is interested in locomotives and has purchased a 3½"g. 2-6-2 Bantam Cock from a Melbourne acquaintance. He is bitten by the bug to build a 5"g. Juliet.

AMONGST OURSELVES

At last, after nearly two years wait, I have the 'phone connected. It is not in the current book My number: 65-7430

Many of our members have been on the sick list. Fortunately, they are on the mend. They are: Bill Perin, Eric Powditch and Mac. McKay, all through heart trouble. Mac. had a relapse some six weeks ago and landed in hospital for a spell but I was very pleased to see him at the grounds again. Charlie Manning is recovering from a spleen operation and has to take things quietly for some time. Ken Middleton appears to have recovered from his hernia op. but was hobbling on Saturday, having burst a leg vein. Evidently time to slow up, Ken!

We had another spate of vandalism a month ago. Nothing serious except a few broken louvres and burnt-out urn. Evidently the culprits cut their hands on the louvres and raided our first aid kit, recklessly distributing its contents over the floor and cupboards.

Morry attended to the louvres and Tom England repaired the urn after obtaining a new element. We have purchased some heavy gauge mesh screening and now require a couple of members, who have not been along to working bees often, to fit them to the windows. How about Dec. 5th working bee, someone? This will ensure safety over the Xmas holidays.

Norm Kernick has called for a greater effort by all boating members. There are a good many of them and there should be plenty of boats in the workshop. Look them out and show your

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efforts at our December Field Day Rally. The pond needs a shot in the arm to set it going again this summer.

We were all pleased at Mrs. Giesechke's bridge painting effort, which she started on Friday before November Field Day. It now remains for the railway red to go on and Mrs. Giesechke tells me she hopes to have this done shortly. Many thanks, Mrs. Geisechke. You put to shame the many members who will like to play on the track but think they don't have to build it. Perhaps we would be better off with some enthusiastic women members!

We also had pleasure in recording in our Minutes, the effort of member Bill Mullins, who won a £100 prize for the design and building of PMG telegraphic equipment, enabling considerable savings to be made and to obtain better performance. Hearty congratulations Bill, from all at SASMEE. Perhaps you could give us a page write-up in the next bulletin.

Our Canteen on Field Days is being staffed by the seemingly few reliables. Any other members' wives prepared to come along and help occasionally? We would love to have you for a break.

Our B.A. screws and copper rivets arrived and are nearly sold out. You had better see Ralph or Norm to obtain your supplies or book further orders. Pressure gauges are again available - $\frac{3}{4}$" or 1" dia. up to 150 PSI.

LADIES! THERE ARE NO TRAINS BUT THERE IS FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY ON DECEMBER 5TH. 1964 - 5.30 P.M.

Yes! Join in the fun and fellowship of a social evening barbeque, with a frollicking film show to follow. Remember the last one? I'll bet you haven't forgotten Allan and Morry looking behind the... OH! What did they see?

IT'S ON AGAIN, YOU BRING YOUR EATS, WE WILL SUPPLY THE FIRE, SAUCE AND DRINKS - AND THE CHEFS, MAXY AND ALLAN.

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